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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS (1/2 30)

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THURSDAY

ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers"—

ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: Ranger song.

ANNOUNCER: This is the time of the year when all Christendom begins to think of the coming Christmastide. And inseparably linked with Christmas are many beautiful customs which through the years have become dear to old and young alike. One of these old customs which annually helps to make the Yuletide brighter, and brings joy to the hearts of millions, is the lighting of Christmas trees.

At this time of the year, woodsmen enter the forests and cut young spruces, fir hemlocks, reds, and pines, which are shipped to the cities to bring Christmas cheer to the homes of rich and poor. Foresters are often asked the question: Why sacrifice so many millions of trees for a few days of use? The permanent tree planted in the soil is better than a cut tree which withers in a short time - but what of the millions of folks who live in tenement flats and crowded apartments? Shall they be deprived of the joy of the Christmas tree?

To Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers, conservation means wise use. And could there be any use of a tree that would bring more returns in happiness and good will toward men than as a Christmas tree, brilliantly decorated and radiating Christmas cheer? The Rangers would like to see a Christmas tree in every home, and they ask only that they be wisely cut. There should always be plenty of trees to go around, if the forests they come from are properly protected and wisely managed.

The millions of young trees required to meet this demand can be supplied from the thinning of stands now too dense for good growth, and thus the Christmas tree trade may be made a boon to forestry if the cutting is wisely done. It also gives employment to thousands of men who cut the trees and to thousands more who transport them to the cities and sell them...another thing: one big forest fire may destroy more young trees than are used in our whole country during the Christmas season. - So - well, up in the National Forest where our old friend Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant Jerry Quick are on the job, Christmas tree cutting is going on right now. And of course the Rangers are seeing that it is properly done. Let's see what's going on at the Pine Creek Patrol Station today. -



- JIM: (CHUCKLING) Sure. Why not?
- MARY: (THINKING) Why - all right, Jerry! - And could we have one of those red tags on our tree that shows it was cut by our school? I see a big truck load of trees with those tags on them, going by the Schoolhouse last evening.
- JIM: Last evening, eh? I wonder who was hauling that load of trees?
- MARY: It wasn't anyone I knew. It was going toward Millon Glen.
- JIM: Did you notice the driver?
- MARY: Yes - yes - I remember he had on a checkered lumberjack shirt - red and black.
- JIM: Hmm. - He sold two thousand trees to a Mr. Jones - the owner of the lot of those thick stumps up at the head of Bear Creek. I bet he was intending to ship the trees from Winding Creek today.
- JERRY: Yeah. I put the tags on four hundred of 'em for his company this morning, but he didn't expect to have a big load until it was before Saturday.
- JIM: Hmm. - You're sure about seeing that truck load, Mary?
- MARY: Yes indeed. And the trees all had those red tags on them, you know.
- JIM: Hmm. - Maybe you'd better stand up there this morning and investigate, Jerry.
- JERRY: Yeah, I guess I'd better.
- JIM: All right. - And in the meantime, don't you be worrying about that tree for the school house, Mary. (CHUCKLES) I reckon Jerry'll see that you get a good one.
- JERRY: You bet I will.

(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

(SOUNDS OF MOTOR COMING UP, STOPS)

